Mountain Weather Forecast

South Grampian and Southeast Highlands

Including South and East Cairngorms National Park, Aberdeenshire and Angus Hills, Ben Vrackie, Ben Lawers, Loch Tay and Ochils
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Saturday 12 Dec 2020 until 23:59 on Sunday 13 Dec 2020

Forecast Issued on Friday 11 Dec 2020 at 15:02 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for unsettled weather to continue. Showers or longer spells of rain most days. Becoming windy on the tops too.

Headline for Saturday 12 Dec 2020: Cloudy, misty with occasional rain and drizzle, snow on highest peaks. Light winds.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 12 Dec 2020

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
High Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light rain	Light rain	Light rain	Light rain	Light rain	Light rain	Light rain	Light rain
Precipitation probability							
80%	70%	70%	80%	60%	50%	40%	40%

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Weather: A grey overcast day across South Grampian and Southeast Highlands. There will also be occasional rain and drizzle with snow confined to highest peaks. The rain will become light and patchy in the afternoon with some drier interludes developing.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Very little chance with extensive cloud cover well down the hills. Cloud bases over Monadhliaths and northern Cairngorms may lift above the tops at times.

Visibility: Mostly misty conditions, the visibility only a kilometre or two and becoming very poor in persistent rain and drizzle.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1100	24/32 SE	21/28 SE	17/24 SE	14/21 SE	8/13 SE	6/9 S	7/10 E	8/12 SE	13/18 SE
900	14/22 SE	15/22 SE	11/18 SE	9/16 SE	6/11 SE	4/7 S	5/9 E	6/10 SE	8/14 SE
600	9/18 SE	10/19 SE	6/13 SE	6/11 SE	3/7 SE	3/5 E	3/6 E	4/8 SE	5/11 SE
300	7/14 E	6/13 E	6/12 E	5/11 E	4/7 E	3/7 E	3/7 NE	3/7 E	4/9 E
Glen	8/17 E	7/15 E	6/12 E	5/10 E	4/8 E	4/7 NE	4/8 E	4/7 E	4/9 E

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1100	0/-7	-0/-6	-0/-6	-0/-6	-0/-4	-1/-4	-1/-4	-1/-5	-1/-6
900	2/-3	2/-3	1/-3	1/-2	1/-2	1/-1	1/-2	1/-2	0/-3
600	3/-0	3/-1	3/0	3/0	3/1	3/1	2/1	2/1	2/-0
300	6/3	6/3	5/3	5/3	5/4	5/4	5/4	5/4	5/3
Glen	6/4	6/4	6/4	6/4	6/5	6/5	6/5	6/5	6/4
Freezing Level*	1300m	1200m	1200m	1200m	1200m	1200m	1200m	1200m	1100m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Even with a lighter breeze on higher ridges and summits, it will still feel bitterly cold with damp conditions and temperatures close to freezing.

Forecast for Sunday 13 Dec 2020

Weather: A dry, bright morning with a touch of frost in the glens. Then cloudy with light rain and sleet edging northeastwards across all parts early in afternoon, turning persistent and heavy later. There will be a short spell of snow above 600m, combined with southeasterly gales leading to temporary blizzard conditions on higher parts before turning to rain at all levels in the evening.

Maximum wind: Southeasterly winds with average speeds on the tops of 20mph increasing 35mph gusts 60 mph in the afternoon.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 60% in the morning then chances reducing nil from south in the afternoon. Thickening cloud with bases lowering well down the hills.

Visibility: Good in the morning turning poor from the south during the afternoon and virtually nil in heavy rain and snow.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 1 Celsius rising to 8 Celsius later in afternoon.
At 800m: Zero Celsius rising to plus 3 Celsius.
Freezing level: 800m in the morning, rising to 1300m during evening.

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